

MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

OCMULGEE CHURCH,

OCTOBER 18th, 19th AND 20th, 1873.

OFFICERS :

REV. E. B. TEAGUE, MODERATOR.
J. WARREN HUDSON, SECRETARY.
D. R. LIDE, TREASURER.

SELMA, ALA. :

JAS. P. ARMSTRONG, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER, STATIONER AND BINDER.

1873.

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OCMULGEE CHURCH,
PERRY CO., ALA., OCT. 1873. }

The Cahaba Baptist Association, held its Fifty-sixth Annual Session with the Ocmulgee Church, commencing on Saturday, October the 18th, 1873. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. L. West, from Matt. 5 : 46, 47.

2. After a recess of one hour, the Delegates assembled in the Church and the Association was called to order by Elder J. S. Ford, the former Moderator, and prayer was offered by Elder John Dennis.

3. The letters were called for, and read by Brethren Rawlings and Hudson, and the Delegates enrolled as follows :

Antioch—H. C. Thomas.

Bethlehem—N. M. Perry, Jesse Skinner, James W. Stanley.

Concord—I. U. Wilkes, B. F. Bolling, S. A. Bolling, J. M. Waters.

Ephesus—N. L. Dobynes, J. F. Morton, W. J. Hughey.

Fellowship—H. W. Crawford, E. G. Crews, E. Fagan.

Friendship—C. Crocker, E. Whatley.

Hopewell—Elder J. L. West, E. Evans, A. J. Ivie.

Macedonia—Letter, no Delegates.

Mars Hill—Elder J. S. Ford, W. R. Martin, W. B. Cureton.

Medline—Letter, no Delegates.

Mt. Pleasant—Elder W. A. Bishop, J. W. Whatley.

Mt. Zion—J. C. Lee, D. B. Snead, A. W. Lightly.

New Hope—G. T. Lee.

Pine Flat—J. Vanderslice, G. Fike, E. P. George.

Pisgah—E. W. Garrison, J. W. Morton.

Pleasant Hill—C. Tingle, J. D. Geddin.

Sardis—R. Tubb.

Siloam—Elder E. T. Winkler, D. A. Pierson, A. Lawson, R. H. Rawlings.

Selma—Elder E. B. Teague, R. C. Keeble, T. S. Bowen, J. H. Burns, J. E. McCraw, J. Warren Hudson.

Ocmulgee—O. H. Perry, M. C. Curry, W. W. Smith, C. C. Smith.

Union—Elder W. A. Bishop.

4. An election of Officers was then held, resulting in the election of Elder E. B. Teague, Moderator, J. Warren Hudson Clerk.

5. Received Correspondence as follows :

Unity Association—Elder A. Andrews, J. H. Burns, J. R. Hooks.

Tuskaloosa Association—Letter and Minutes.

Mulberry Association—Letter and Minutes.

6. Resolved 1st, That R. H. Rawlings be recognised in official capacity as President of the Judson Female Institute. 2nd, That Elder E. T. Winkler be recognised as the Representative of Howard College and the Domestic, and Indian Mission and Sunday School Boards, and Elder E. B. Teague as the Representative of the Foreign Mission Board.

Resolved, That the order of business of the last session be observed at the present one.

7. The following Committees were appointed :

On Preaching, C. Tingle, E. W. Garrison, with Pastor and Deacons of Ocmulgee Church.

To nominate Delegates to Baptist State Convention, D. A. Pierson, T. S. Bowen, W. A. Bishop.

Finance Committee, A. Lawson, R. C. Keeble, B. F. Bowling.

Special Committee to consider and report on Communication from the *Baptist Union* of Ala., Elders I. U. Wilkes, E. T. Winkler, W. A. Bishop.

On Education—R. H. Rawlings.

8. Returned Correspondence as follows :

Alabama Association—E. B. Teague.

Mulberry—I. U. Wilkes, I. S. Ford, R. C. Keeble, G. T. Lee.

Tuskaloosa—I. U. Wilkes, W. A. Bishop.

Shelby—E. B. Teague.

Unity—T. S. Bowen, I. U. Wilkes, J. H. Burns.

Resolved, That when this body adjourn, we adjourn to meet with Brush Creek Church, Perry County, on Saturday before the Third Sunday in Oct. 1874.

The regular order of business was suspended, on motion of Elder E. T. Winkler, to hear statements from the Brethren as to the Lords dealings with His people in the bounds of the Association.

Interesting and edifying statements were made by Brethren Wilkes, West, Ford, Winkler and Andrews.

Committee on Preaching reported as follows :

Prayer Meeting, Sunday morning, at 10, conducted by I. U. Wilkes.

Preaching at 11 by Elder E. T. Winkler, at half past one by Elder E. B. Teague.

The Association then adjourned till 9½ o'clock, Monday morning.

Prayer by Elder E. T. Winkler.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 19th.

Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock conducted by Elder I. U. Wilkes and preaching at 11 by Elder E. T. Winkler, 1st Corinthians, 12: 4, 5, 6. Theme—Gifts in the Churches.

1:30 P. M. Sermon by Elder E. B. Teague, Romans 5: 12, 18. Theme, Reign of the law of sin—Reign of the law of life in Christ Jesus.

Collections on Sunday amounted to \$18 60, which the Association ordered divided equally between the Domestic, Indian and Foreign Mission and Sunday School Boards.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 20th, 9½ A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Shinn.

Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Committees.

1st. Report on Education. Discussed and adopted.

2nd. The next order of business was the Report on Domestic Missions. Discussed and adopted.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions. Discussed and adopted.

Report on Temperance. Discussed and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations. Delegates to Ala. Baptist State Convention, to-wit: I. U. Wilkes, J. S. Ford, J. L. West, O. H. Perry, J. W. Suttle, R. C. Keeble, J. Warren Hudson, J. G. Apsey, W. T. Hendon, W. L. Fagan. Adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations for next session of Association.
Introductory Sermon, I. U. Wilkes.

Alternate, W. A. Bishop.

Sunday morning Sermon by Elder E. T. Winkler.

Alternate, Elder J. L. West.

Report of Special Committee on Communication from the *Baptist Union of Ala* :

Your Committee on Communication from "Baptist Union" report, that one of the great needs of the denomination is a denominational paper published in the State. We heartily endorse the enterprise, and commend it to the sympathies, support and prayers of all the Churches.

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

Discussed and unanimously adopted.

A collection was taken up for relief of Sister Summers, amounting to \$9⁰⁰, and the amount was turned over to Brother H. W. Crawford.

Dr. R. Lide was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Education—Elder J. L. West.

Domestic Missions—John Haralson.

Foreign Missions—W. A. Bishop.

Sunday Schools—W. L. Fagan.

Temperance—J. W. Suttle.

Report on Finance read and adopted.

The business of the Association being finished, on motion to adjourn, while a suitable hymn was sung, the parting hand of fellowship was extended to Elder John Dennis, now 84 years of age, in grateful recognition of life-long services in the cause of our Common Master. The venerable Brother indulged some burning words of hopeful and affectionate exhortation, and kneeling, commended the Association, Churches, and people, to heaven in prayer.

Whereupon the Moderator announced the Association adjourned.

E. B. TEAGUE,

Moderator.

J. WARREN HUDSON,
Clerk.

Statistics of the Churches for the year 1873.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	Post Office.	County.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Antioch	W. A. Bishop	Carthage	Hale ..	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Bethlehem	J. M. Heard..	Pinetucky	Perry	1	3	.....	1	3	.....	83
Concord	I. U. Wilkes..	Radfordsville	Perry	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	1	122
Ephesus	Wm. Massey..	Marion	Perry	.....	5	.....	8	.....	2	61
Fellowship ...	J. S. Ford.....	Morgan Spg's	Perry	13	1	.....	5	.....	1	97
Friendship ...	I. U. Wilkes..	Pinetucky.....	Perry	8	4	.....	4	3	.....	73
Hopewell	J. L. West.....	Marion.....	Perry	9	7	.....	.....	.....	3	83
Macedonia.....	W. A. Bishop	Havauna.....	Hale ..	9	7	.....	3	2	2	49
Mars Hill.....	J. M. Heard..	Marion.....	Perry	6	1	.....	9	2	3	63
Medline	J. J. Steward	Pinetucky	Perry	28	12	3	10	4	2	86
Mt. Pleasant..	W. A. Bishop	Carthage	Hale ..	.....	1	.....	4	1	1	78
Mt. Zion.....	I. U. Wilkes..	Centreville ...	Bibb ..	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
New Hope.....	Carter Tubb..	Five Mile.....	Hale ..	.....	8	.....	.....	1	.....	40
Ocmulgee	J. S. Ford.....	Summerfield	Dallas	.....	3	1	5	5	2	94
Pine Flat.....	J. S. Ford.....	Perryville.....	Perry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	41
Pisgah	J. S. Ford.....	Perryville.....	Perry	.....	4	.....	37	.....	3	119
Pleasant Hill,	Carter Tubb..	Carthage	Hale ..	.....	2	.....	4	.....	.....	44
Sardis	Carter Tubb..	Marion	Perry	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	75
Siloam	E. T. Winkler	Marion	Perry	35	8	.....	22	1	2	248
Selma.....	E. B. Teague	Selma	Dallas	4	7	1	12	6	.....	180
Union.....	W. A. Bishop	Greensboro ...	Hale ..	.....	2	.....	3	.....	2	46
				117	78	5	133	28	26	1853

Present Membership.....1,666.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Considering the consecutive failures in crops, the recent suspension of our Banks, and the prevalence of Yellow fever in many of our cities our denominational State Colleges, the Howard and Judson, have opened with encouraging prospects.

In the completeness of their new equipments, in the ability of their present faculties, in their modes of teaching and in their high standards for graduation, they are now, as they have been, for thirty-five years past, the peers of any College in the land, and therefore should receive, as they deserve, the sympathies, prayers and patronage of our denominations. To show the efficiency of these Institutions, and the high appreciation by the public of their methods of instruction, it is only necessary to state the fact that during the past Summer a large number of their graduates were invited to fill, and are now filling, high positions in Colleges of other States.

That it is the duty of our denomination to sustain these Institutions needs no argument. As Southern Baptists we are admonished by the recent action of the professors in the University of South Carolina that we cannot rely upon our State University or upon our State Agricultural College, at Auburn, for the education of our children; here, as there, application for admission by colored students will be made, and being sustained by the Government, like results will follow. Hence, with these results threatening us it is our imperative duty to make even greater sacrifices than have yet been made to sustain our denominational State Institutions.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. RAWLINGS, Chairman.

Report on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report:

We regret that this subject does not awaken such interest among the churches as corresponds to its importance. In many instances the troubles of the times have depressed the spirit of benevolence. To such an extent is this true that at present our Board is embarrassed, our missionaries are suffering, and places where the most painful destitution prevails are necessarily neglected.

We must do more, give more, pray more, if we would accomplish the great work which God has assigned to us as a denomination—the work of evangelizing the various multitudes inhabiting one half of the republic, and thus of preparing at home the missionaries who can be dispatched to remoter regions, there to publish the good news of salvation.

If the enterprise calls for sacrifice, let us remember that it is our privilege to assume the cross as the disciples of Jesus, and that for every sacrifice there is a rich reward; and for every faithful laborer a glorious harvest and an eternal rest and triumph. But we are far from having reached the point of sacrifice at the present time. What we need now is the general contribution from all our membership in frequent sums. This method would supply the needs of our Boards and the wants of our missionaries. Other religious organizations have adopted it with signal results. And beyond all question it is the Scriptural plan, and one in whose conduct we may expect the favor of God. We affectionately urge our churches to give the plan a fair trial during the present year. Let us bring our tithes into the storehouse and try our God herewith and see if he will not pour us out a blessing, such as we have been wanting and praying for so long!

Report on Foreign Missions.

Your Committee offer, as their report, a condensed statistical account of the Foreign Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention with brief comments.

There are in China, including native assistants, (some of them of very subordinate character,) at the five main stations with which are connected several outstations, some thirty missionaries. The number of Americans is six males and nine females. Several native pastors and evangelists are highly intelligent and efficient, and our brethren and sisters are regarded by an experienced and eminent missionary of the Northern Board of very superior character and qualifications.

Total membership connected with China mission 324.

The number of missionaries in Africa most, if not all, natives of the United States of America are twelve, including one female. The stations are eight—all, we believe, in Liberia. The connexion of African missions with the Board of the Convention has not been much more than nominal for considerable portions of time since the war, and the means bestowed upon them small. The need of some one or more white brethren, to supervise these missions, is greatly felt by the Board.

Liberian pastors of intelligence state that the influence of Christianity on the interior tribes is increasing and they are becoming concerned to know what this new doctrine is. Membership 234.

In Italy there are seven stations, one missionary and six evangelists, with a total membership of 277.

The Italian mission, especially in the City of Rome, is regarded of great importance and full of promise. For a Chapel, in Rome, there was contributed up to May last the sum of \$22,363 10.

The Richmond Board are very anxious to establish missions in Germany and Brazil. It is believed suitable missionaries for these new fields could easily be obtained, but the means have not hitherto been at the command of the Board. The income of the Board for the financial year ending April last was about \$50,000, including the contribution for Chapel at Rome; which is more than double the average receipts for the last six years. But this increase is mainly due to the enthusiasm awakened in the Rome mission, which, in turn, has diminished the means available for other portions of the work.

But one missionary has recently, we believe, been designated to reinforce the China mission ; several, perhaps, to strengthen the other two missions.

The *Home and Foreign Journal*, now nearly self-supporting, for the second time in its history, is much improved, and more ably edited, in consequence of having a stated editor, in addition to the secretaries of the Boards overworked in other directions.

Upon the whole, our Foreign missions are in a hopeful condition, the devotion of the missionaries being unremitting, and evidences of the blessings of the Holy Spirit constantly appearing in the conversion of souls and the confirmation of those already believing.

Respectfully submitted,
E. B. TEAGUE, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

In preparing a report on this subject your Committee deem it unnecessary to detail the evils of intemperance, as this has been done so often, and as these evils may be expressed in one word—*Ruin!* Ruin of mind—body—health—usefulness—ruin of families, countries, nations.

Ruin of the Soul! Ruin in this world ; and ruin in the world to come!

Nor is it deemed necessary to repeat the various remedies which have been suggested for the cure of this monster evil.

It occurs to your Committee as more appropriate to recommend to the Churches, in addition to the methods which have been suggested in previous reports, such as example, female influence, moral suasion, &c., the judicious use and enforcement of New Testament Discipline, as the last alternative to save them from the disgrace of *Drunkennness*.

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.”

Your Committee feel that they would be derelict to duty to close this report without expressing the opinion that the retailing of spirituous liquors by members of our Churches is equally censurable and culpable with the use thereof as a beverage.

See Hab. 2: 15, 16.

Resolved, 1st. That our Brethren, who are, or may be, engaged in selling spirituous liuqors, be kindly and earnestly requested to desist from it.

2nd. That the Churches are hereby recommended and urged to apply the last alternative mentioned in this report to both branches of this evil, if the “*need be*” require it.

Respectfully submitted,
I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

Report of Finance Committee.

CASH RECEIVED.	For Missions.	Indian Missions.	Associational Purposes.	Minutes.	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.	Widows Fund.	Total.
	\$18 60	\$2 00	\$18 00	\$36 55	\$8 20	\$32 95	\$6 10	\$122 40

ALFRED LAWSON,
Chairman.

N. B.—In addition to the above, pledges were made amounting to \$197.50 for Domestic and Indian Missions, to be paid by 1st of January 1874.

Treasurer's Report.

DAVID R. LIDE, *Treasurer*,
In account with Cahaba Baptist Association.

1872.		
Oct. 19—To cash for Minutes.....	\$46 50	
“ “ “ Associational purposes.....	15 50	\$62 00
“ 19—By amount paid Rev. W. A. Bishop, clerk.....		62 00
“ 19—To collection on Sunday.....		\$37 50
By T. C. Boykin's receipt, S. S. B.....	\$12 50	
“ M. T. Sumner, Secretary D. M. B.....	25 00	37 50
“ 19—To cash Domestic and Indian Missions.....		\$16 00
“ 27—By M. T. Sumner's receipt.....		16 00
To Widows Fund, (1871).....	\$1 25	
“ “ “ (1872).....	7 00	
1873.		
March 18.—By W. H. Crawford's receipt.....		\$8 25

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. LIDE, Treasurer.



